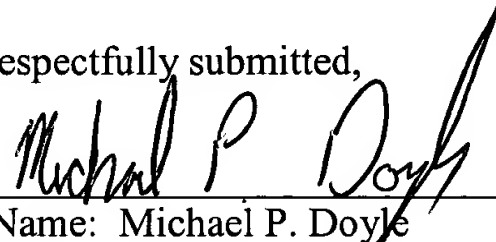


REMARKS

Applicant submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Doyle", is written over a horizontal line.

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